

13th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF UNI. OF W. TENN.

SEVENTEEN GRADUATED IN MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, PHARMACY, NURSE TRAINING

The University Chapel Was Well Packed With Interested Spectators

DR. SEVIER MAKES FIRST CONTRIBUTION FOR FISK UNIVERSITY.

Early Monday morning Dr. Wm. Sevier, Professor of Pharmacy at Meharry Medical College, came into the Globe office and made the first contribution of \$1 to the Fisk fund. Dr. Sevier said that he read the article in the Nashville Globe and was moved to act at once. This was the beginning of what is hoped to be a great awakening on the part of the Negroes in Nashville in the interest of Fisk University.

The friends of education in the north are waiting to see first of all what the Negroes of the south, who have been aided for fifty years along educational lines, will do for themselves. As was stated in last week's issue, the Alumni of Fisk University are making strenuous efforts to raise a large portion of the \$240,000 that is to be raised before the \$60,000 can be secured from the American Missionary Association.

This work has been pressed for several months, but a new activity is being put forth now in the hope that a creditable showing may be realized by the time of commencement. It is hoped by those in charge of the campaign that before this year is out the whole of the \$240,000 will be raised.

Dr. Sevier said that he realized fully that the Negroes of the south must take care of their educational institutions and that this small contribution is not all that he contemplates giving, but it was merely to show that he was interested in the University.

ENDOWMENT BUREAU KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MEETS IN BLUFF CITY.

Special to the Globe.
Memphis, Tenn., April 26.—The Endowment Bureau of the Knights of Pythias of Tennessee met here today to transact the business of the forty-third quarter. The members of the board present were W. S. Thompson, Nashville, president; A. Thomas Hill, Pulaski, secretary; Wayman Wilkerson, Memphis, treasurer; U. W. Richardson, Chattanooga; T. G. Robinson, Dyersburg; J. P. Crawford, Nashville; B. F. Booth, Memphis, and J. W. Whitfield, Murfreesboro.

A deal of business was transacted and the condition of the order was shown to be splendid. The Pythians of Memphis look special pains to entertain the board while here. After all business was transacted, an elaborate banquet was tendered them.

A program was carried out that was delightful to all present. The following Knights made remarks on this occasion: J. C. Jones, R. A. Dorch, U. W. Richardson, W. S. Thompson, Dr. J. P. Crawford. The special address was delivered by Col. Roscoe Simmons, Past Grand Chancellor of New York State, but now editor of The Memphis, the paper just started in this city. Col. Simmons is a born orator and he thrilled the hearts of the Pythians on this occasion with his wit and wisdom.

The grand supper was spread which consisted of the following menu: spaghetti, salmon, croquets, ham, sandwich, punch, coffee and cigars.

After the banquet there was a pleasant handshaking among the members of the Board. All departed to their homes looking forward to the coming Grand Lodge. The members of the order in general as far as could be learned are well pleased with the present administration, and if the same feeling continues until the Grand Lodge meets, it is believed that not a single change will be made in the next meeting in June.

DR. BUSHELL CONDUCTS REVIVAL IN MEMPHIS.

Special to the Globe.
Memphis, Tenn., April 26.—A great revival has just closed at the First Baptist Church on St. Paul avenue, this city, which was conducted by Dr. J. Davenport Bushell, of Nashville, Tenn. He was assisted by Mrs. Bushell, a singer of rare culture, who always sends a message to the hearts of her hearers. More than one hundred and fifty were converted at this meeting. Rev. T. O. Fuller, pastor, is a faithful worker and is untiring in his efforts for the uplift of humanity.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"How to Pay a Great Debt of Gratitude" will be the subject of Rev. W. S. Ellington's discourse Sunday morning.

ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH

HOLDS GREAT RALLY - WIND UP JUBILEE WITH FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Over \$1,000 Collected—Old Members of the Church Few and Far Between—Only Five of the Founders can be Located in this City.

The Golden Jubilee of St. John A. M. E. Church wound up Monday night with a beautiful doll contest. A large gathering of the members were on hand to join in the glorious celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the celebrated church. Previous to the contest the officers and pastor met and counted up the reports of the rally, which totaled something over \$1,000. This amount was raised by the splendid organizations outlined by Dr. Porter. It was carried out in a very unique form and stamped him as a successful financier.

At the services Sunday morning the several captains were sent out among the people to collect the donations from the members and friends, which was a departure from the old way of taking up rally collections. They went about their duties as quietly as if they were having a social chat. When they had all finished they returned to their seats and a public offering was lifted. In spite of the inclement weather a large crowd was out and the keenest interest was manifested. At every service Sunday the same spirit was in evidence.

Mention must be made of the splendid music that was rendered by the choir at these services. This church has a choir of young people that cannot be excelled. Special mention is due to the solo work of Miss Nannie Rhodes, who sang on this occasion. She brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Shelby, presiding elder of the Central Tennessee Circuit. In the afternoon several of the visiting pastors made short talks and with their congregations added much to the spiritual and financial life of the meeting.

Dr. Porter announced during the morning service that if it were possible to get the living members of the number who founded the church together, on Monday night he would give them a banquet of which the church would be proud. It was not possible to get them out as they are very feeble. A fact was brought out Sunday morning that is not generally known. There are only a few of the original members that can be found in this city. So far, only two of the charter members can be found. They are Mrs. Nancy James, on Blank street, and Mrs. Mary Randolph, on State street, who is 80 years old. It was thought that Father Grundy was one of the charter members, but he says himself that he was not. He came in, however, shortly after the organization.

Rev. Felix Mays is another one of the old members of the church but was not a member when it was organized. There may be others somewhere, and maybe in this city, but the pastor and officers have been unable to locate them so far.

In a recent issue of the Globe the names of every pastor were given, but the dates of the years of their pastorage could not be ascertained. Some of the most noted men in the African Methodist Church have pastored this charge, and there are living today two bishops and one General officer who were once at this church. They are Bishop Shaffer, of Chicago, and Bishop Tyree, of Nashville, and Dr. S. L. Howard, who was elected Secretary of the Evangelistic Bureau of the A. M. E. Church last May. He was at that time pastoring St. John. Dr. G. W. Porter, the present pastor, enjoys the happy distinction of being the pastor at this time of the fiftieth anniversary.

The history of this church is one that the people of Nashville are proud of. They have aided in its struggles and have assisted the members in accomplishing a great good. The whole city of Nashville and state of Tennessee, for that matter, rejoice with them; for they love this church and are all glad of its prosperity.

Dr. Porter, Sunday morning, held in his hand a bundle of fifty letters received from all parts of the state and from over the country expressing to him their congratulations and a hope that the Jubilee would be a success from every point of view.

TENNESSEE CHEMICAL EMPLOYEES ORGANIZE.

The Christian people of West Nashville are being organized into a church and Sunday-school. Rev. T. T. Stone of Mt. Nebo is preaching for Sunday-school work as follows: The newly elected officers are: Superintendent, Mrs. Sallie Donald; Mrs. Annie Howser, secretary. Class No. 1, teacher, Mr. Dirris Howser; class No. 2, Mrs. Dessar Tracy; teacher for intermediate classes numbering 15 on Sunday.

CONCERNED ABOUT LIBRARY

INTERESTED TO KNOW WHERE IT WILL BE LOCATED

Belief is Given That Suitable Site Will Be Centered Upon Increasing Opinion For a Central Location—Members of Board of Trade Opposed to the Site Mentioned.

Every day the opinion is increasing that the Library Commission will not locate the colored branch of the Library at the corner of Twelfth avenue and Hynes street. This belief is gaining ground from the fact there is not a single member on the Commission now, who feels that it would be doing justice to the Negro citizens of this city to place the Library where it will not be of the greatest benefit to all the people. This belief is entertained because there is an apparent settlement in favor of a central location. The spirit of fairness that is always predominant in this city is no less in this Library case than it has been in all other cases that affects the colored people of this city.

The Negroes themselves have manifested a deep interest in this matter. Information comes from many personal conversations of some colored man asking his white friends and employers to use his influence to persuade the Commission not to place the Library in this undesirable location.

The fact brought out in last week's Globe of the number of disreputable houses between Cedar and Church streets has set tongues to wagging afresh, and created a healthy sentiment in favor of a central location. Many of the members of the Board of Trade and several who were on a special committee to raise \$1,000 to go toward the purchasing of a site have expressed themselves as approving the Twelfth avenue and Hynes street site. Many have said that they voted to accept that because they were afraid that if they did not they would not get anything; but since they have learned that the Commission and the leading white people of Nashville are desirous of doing the very best they can for the colored people in this matter, they realize that the Library proposition is not being considered lightly, but is receiving serious consideration at the hands of the best people of the city.

The prime promoters of the proposed site have been compelled to heed the complaints of the people, and see their folly in endeavoring to throw upon the masses what they do not want. From every angle the outlook is most favorable for a change in the location and a final settlement on a spot that will be satisfactory to every Negro in this city.

BISHOP J. H. JONES OF WILBERFORCE, O.

To Preach at Payne Chapel, East Nashville, May 4th, 11 a. m.
Bishop Joshua H. Jones of the 9th Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church will preach at Payne Chapel, East Nashville, Sunday 11 a. m., May 4, 1913. Quite a large congregation will be present to hear this eminent divine.

Bishop Jones has for many years been a great leader in the A. M. E. Connection. He was elected to the bishopric at the 24th quadrennial session-General Conference, African Methodist setting in Kansas City, Mo., May, 1912 and assigned to the 9th Episcopal District including Tennessee and Alabama. Everybody is invited to come and hear Bishop Jones at 11 a. m.

Dr. H. L. P. Jones, pastor and the official staff of Payne Chapel have instituted a great rally of thirty clubs for June 29, 1913. The pastor and church are endeavoring to have the foundation of new Payne Chapel laid in May. Quite a nice program will be rendered on ground-breaking day. Notices will be issued to all in due time.

RAILWAY ASSOCIATION MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

The Railway Employees' Protective Association with headquarters at the corner of Tenth avenue and Cedar street, is making extensive improvements on their building. The interior and exterior has been painted and varnished and a dining-room with new furniture has been fitted up, and also the kitchen utensils. The lawn is set with beautiful flowers together with the swings and a heavy foliage of blue grass makes the premises present a most beautiful appearance. The touch of the calceoliner's brush is also in evidence, which makes the headquarters of the Railway Association the center of attraction in that community.

Mr. L. E. Connor, Jr., who has been confined to his room for the last six weeks with an injured limb, is some better.

OKLAHOMA CITY AGAIN IN THE LIME LIGHT

MAKING STRONG BID FOR NATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY

Will Give Big Tract of Land--Cash Bonus in Addition--Nashville May Loose the Institution

Western Neighbors Very Active—Secretary Griggs Non-Committal.

Failure to take definite action upon the location of the proposed National Baptist Theological Seminary by the Educational Board, which called its meeting at Memphis several weeks ago, is said to be responsible for renewed activity on the part of several capitalists and prominent real estate men who are identified with the Baptists of the state and nation in the city of Oklahoma to secure the location of the Theological Seminary, indorsed and voted to be established in Nashville, Tenn., by the Convention proper. It seems that the Theological Seminary proposition among the Negro Baptists, as far as can be learned, has been a see-saw question, once you see it, now you don't see it, once it is to be established, now it is not to be established. But according to the latest developments, a land concern headed by Mr. Capp Jefferson, of Oklahoma City, Okla., in addition to offering a ten-acre site with ten thousand dollars to the additional property to locate this school in Oklahoma City to occupy the beautiful suburb of Smithville, is proposing now to give an additional seven thousand dollars to the National Baptist Convention, to be divided one thousand dollars each among the several Boards.

Capp Jefferson declared, however, in a letter to one of the leading Baptists in this city, that neither his company nor the city of Oklahoma would contest for the location of the school against Nashville, if Nashville was in the race. But, that if the capital of Tennessee was not in the race, Oklahoma City would re-enter to fight it out on its merits.

In addition to the seventeen thousand dollars now offered in cash, together with the ten-acre tract, one thousand dollars additional is to go to the National Training School located in Washington, D. C., operated by the Women's Auxiliary of the Convention, and twenty-five per cent on the sale of one hundred thousand dollars worth of real estate in and about Oklahoma is to be applied to the bid for the school proper.

Mr. Jefferson, the promoter of Smithville, presents a further offer from one of the leading railroads in the state of Oklahoma that they will establish a first-class station on the school grounds for the handling of passengers and freight, giving four passenger trains service per day. The gentleman in question declared he was not prepared to give out any further facts until the National Baptist Convention and the Educational Board proper had acted upon the matter. But he stated he felt safe in saying that Capp Jefferson, the gentleman through whom the offer came for him to present to the Executive Board, would be perfectly willing to stand by all of the propositions made.

The Secretary of the Educational Board was in Nashville last week, but made no public announcement relative to the Theological Seminary. The proposition will most likely be one of the live issues to come up before the National Convention next September, when they convene here in annual session and to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation of the race.

CAPITAL CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

Wednesday night at the Nashville Globe office the Capital City Baseball League was organized, consisting of amateur teams in the city. The following teams were represented: A. M. E. Sunday-School Union, Ira T. Bryant president, W. H. Shackelford manager; Southern Stars, R. W. Abemathy president, E. W. Littlefield manager; N. & C. Stars, W. M. Gordon president, Sam Ellison manager; Nashville Globe, J. B. Boyd president, L. K. Thomas manager; Black Sox, W. M. Miller president, S. M. Moorman manager; Athletics, J. E. Johnson president, E. L. Whitaker manager; Baptist Hill Swifts, Stephen McCall president; Marshall Garrett manager. The Y. M. C. A. team is being organized to make the eight clubs.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted that will be binding upon every player and each club. The league will be conducted according to the rules governing amateur baseball.

Prof. H. A. Cameron, one of the best posted men in the South on athletics, was elected president, and Prof. Geo. E. Washington, another authority on athletics, was elected secretary. Mr. E. H. Lee was elected vice president. D. A. Hart was elected

MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH MEETS IN ANNUAL SESSION.

New York City, April 23.—For the prosecution of the work of African Methodist Episcopal Church in foreign fields and at home, and to audit the books of the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. J. W. Rankin, and make appropriations for future work, the Missionary Board met this morning in the assembly room of the Bible House presided over by Bishop C. S. Smith, of Detroit, Mich.

Roll call showed the following members present: J. W. Rankin, secretary; A. L. Murray, Jersey City, N. J.; S. S. Morris, Richmond, Va.; C. S. Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio; N. J. McCracken, Chicago, Ill.; N. C. Buren, St. Louis, Mo.; W. D. Johnson, Plains, Ga.; D. H. Johnson, Abbeville, S. C.; J. W. Washington, New Orleans, La.; J. A. Lindsay, Memphis, Tenn.; R. S. Jenkins, Dallas, Texas; C. R. Tucker, Oklahoma City, Okla.; T. A. Smythe, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. H. M. Turner, Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop H. M. Turner, and John Hurst. A letter was read from Mrs. Mary F. Handy, Baltimore, and Rev. S. A. Harris, Cocoa, Fla., who could not be present.

Dr. Rankin was elected Secretary by the General Conference held last May in Kansas City, and this is his first report, hence there was much interest manifested in it, being a new man. He first spoke of the mission fields, West Africa, South Africa, South America, and the Islands. It was decided that the Secretary should visit the island work during the year, studying conditions and seeing the actual needs.

"Africa must be redeemed as well as the other fields within our borders," he said, "and I am glad to say that our people are taking hold and contributing of their means to the work. I have only words of praise for our bishops, general officers, presiding elders, pastors, laymen and members and friends who have contributed in any way to the success of our missionary efforts."

"In West Africa under the superintendency of Bishop W. H. Heard, we have Sierra Leone conference with 11 ordained ministers; one unordained minister; four missionary teachers; 660 members; the Liberian conference, 16 ordained ministers; three unordained ministers; three missionary teachers; 501 members; five churches built."

"In South Africa with Bishop J. Albert Johnson, we have the Cape Colony, Transvaal, Orange Free State, Natal conferences with 87 ordained ministers; 472 unordained ministers; 4,127 members in Cape Colony; 6,435 in Transvaal; 4,445 in the Orange Free State; 960 in Natal; five lay missionary teachers."

The report of the auditing committee showed that the books were in fine condition and the receipts for the department for the year amounted to \$31,729.09 and the expenses amounted to \$30,281.60, including the salaries paid to missionaries and workers.

ed treasurer. The following were appointed committee on schedule: G. E. Washington, Fred Ewing and Samuel Ellison. The committee on grounds are E. W. Littlefield, J. E. Johnson, S. H. Moorman, Fred J. Ewing and Stephen McCall.

Saturday, May 17, was set as the day for the opening of the League. Four games will be played each Saturday in different parts of the city on the grounds selected by the Committee.

The League will have competent officials in charge of each game and a record of percentages will be kept. At the end of the season a pennant will be awarded and next season a flag will be hoisted by the winning team on the opening day.

This movement bids fair to result in putting baseball on a higher plane than it has ever been in this city. Meetings are held at the Globe office Wednesday nights.

SECRETARY RETURNS FROM THE EAST.

Mr. Ira T. Bryant, Secretary of the A. M. E. Church Sunday School Publishing House, who went East to attend the meeting of the Financial Board of the A. M. E. Church, and the funeral of Bishop W. D. Derrick, has returned to the city. While away Mr. Bryant was looking after the school work of the church.